

February 28, 2012

Re: House Bill 5021

Senator Doyle, Representative Taborsak, Honorable members of the General Law Committee;

For the record, my name is Vincenzo DiNatale and I own Ives Road Wine & Spirits in Wallingford, CT.

***"It's not about the Sunday Sales, it's the other provisions in the bill that concern me."***

Theses other provisions---- like eliminating state minimum price requirements and allowing one company to own up to 9 or even 6 permits---that will drive us out of business.

These two provisions alone create an advantage for BIG-BOX retailers and a disadvantage for the small business owners like myself.

These are drastic changes to the rules that we built our businesses around. We will not have time to adapt. I will no longer be able to compete in this industry if these changes are allowed.

I am a small business owner. My wife and I own my business and the building that I occupy. I employ up to 15 people throughout the year. All of these jobs, as well as mine, will be lost.

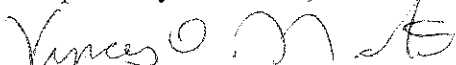
This store that we own is our livelihood. My wife and I depend on our business and the income from our business to support and raise our family.

Also, please keep in mind the trickle down effect that a business like mine has on our community. Besides my employees losing their jobs, there is also an impact on other small business that we support (insurance agents, lawyers, HVAC mechanics, cleaning companies, store supply vendors, etc....) who are all local and in many cases operate their own small business. They will also feel the impact when a business like mine closes.

The impacts of these changes will be detrimental to my business, my family, my employees, and my community. Please do not support the proposed liquor law.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



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